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## **Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Inc.**

### **Testimony- CT Judiciary Committee 3/11/16**

Greetings Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee-

My name is Scott Wilson, and I am the president and one of the founding members of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League. I am also a resident of New London.

I oppose HB5054

I oppose HB5622

#### **HB5054**

- This Bill would violate 'Due Process' by not allowing the opportunity for a hearing in front of a judge and forcing immediate surrender of firearms.
- This bill has no provision for the return of legally registered "Assault Weapons" or "Large Capacity Magazines" (as they are now defined by state statutes).
- Firearms that are transferred to a FFL may require the recipient of an Ex Parte TRO to pay hefty transfer fees.
- Nearly half of all Ex Parte Restraining Orders in 2014 were vacated and did not get ordered by a judge to become a Full Restraining Order.
- Often claims of feeling threatened are false claims by a spouse or partner seeking to gain an advantage over custody or control of property and children. Seizure of firearms would be an unwelcome side effect of this process as well.
- There are laws already on the books (Sec.29-38 and Sec.46b-38b) that allow seizure of firearms while addressing some of the above concerns. Opponents of those laws claim some people are afraid to involve police, but police and/or marshals must still be involved if this bill passes. While I am not necessarily in favor of these existing statutes, it is a somewhat better than a one sided claim made by someone who may simply have a vendetta

**Every citizen has a right  
to bear arms in defense  
of himself and the state.**

*Connecticut State Constitution, Article First, Section 15*